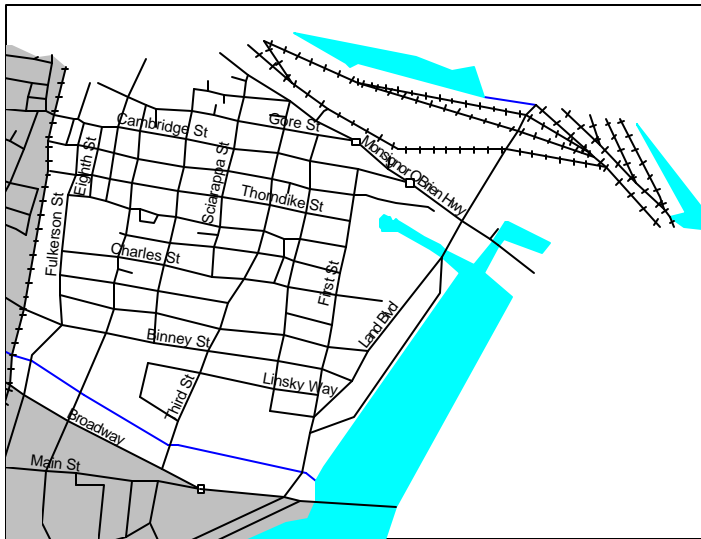
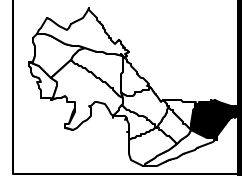


NEIGHBORHOOD 1

EAST CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

POPULATION: 7,294 residents
2,726 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$30,281

Neighborhood #1 lies within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 – 2003

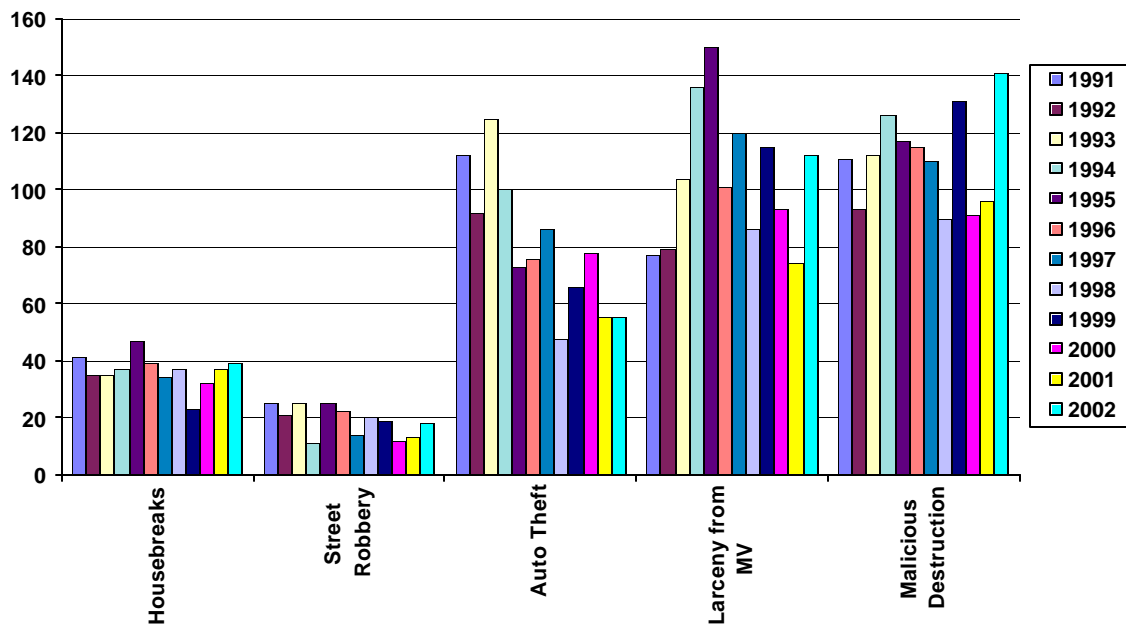
CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	10	7	14	13	8
Street Robbery	7	5	3	4	3
Auto Theft	22	17	10	17	10
Larceny from MVs	18	6	15	18	19
Malicious Destruction	22	17	26	40	39
Drug Arrests	3	3	0	2	7

The number of *auto thefts* that East Cambridge experienced decreased by an encouraging 41% this quarter, and eight of the ten reported stolen autos were later recovered. Two mini-clusters of these thefts were seen on East St. & Cambridge St., where three thefts occurred within a week of each other in February, two of which transpired on the same day. The other cluster took place at the intersection of Hurley St. & Sciarappa St. where two cars were again reported stolen within a week of each other in mid-January. Four of the seven *drug arrests* occurred at the Galleria mall, more often than not as a result of a shoplifting incident. Two of the remaining arrests were accredited to the Special Investigations Unit and their surveillance team. The number of *housebreaks* that this section of the City experienced significantly decreased, as did the remainder of the City. Due to an arrest of two prolific thieves executed in the spring of 2002, the housebreak rash that the City experienced last year has since ceased and the numbers are back to a minimal level. Half of this year's housebreaks took place at the Museum Way Towers, where residents reported the losses of valuable items such as brand name handbags and watches. A possible solution to this persistent problem is an upgrade of internal security. Two *street robberies* occurred in February, including an incident that went down at an ATM on Third St. During this scenario, a masked robber came up behind the victim and put a firearm to the victim's neck and demanded his money. The suspect got a total of \$500 after he hit the victim over the head. No arrests have been made for this incident.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and the fringe of Cambridge Center as its most prominent features, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** ballooned with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991, but have abated in recent years. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.
- The motor vehicle related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** occur at the highest numbers here, of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	38	10	36	9	7
Street Robbery	10	11	20	4	4
Auto Theft	156	2	85	1	3
Larceny from MVs	121	5	107	1	2
Malicious Destruction	118	5	114	1	2

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest